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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE ON CUBA:
COSTA RICAN "ALTERNATIVE"

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1. FACIO TOLD AMBASSADOR VAKY HE WAS CONCERNED BY EROSION OF RESPECT FOR OAS AND RIO TREATY CAUSED BY UNILATERAL RECOGNITIONS OF CUBA. HE GAVE US COPY OF MEMORANDUM WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN HELD CLOSELY AND GIVEN TO ONLY ONE OR TWO OTHER GOVERNMENTS. THUS WE HOPE BRAZILIANS WILL NOT REVEAL OUR DISCUSSIONS TO OTHERS INCLUDING COSTA RICANS. FACT THAT FACIO IS LOOKING FOR QTE JURIDICAL UNQTE FORMULA TO LIFT SANCTIONS IS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE FROM INTERVIEW IN SAN JOSE'S LA NACION.

2. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF FORMULA: SUMMON A MEETING OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION TO DETERMINE IF THE CONDITIONS GIVING RISE TO THE SANCTIONS VOTED BY THE NINTH MEETING
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OF CONSULTATION STILL EXIST, I.E., CUBAN SUBVERSION. IF

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THEY DO NOT THEN THE SANCTIONS ARE ILLEGAL AND IT WOULD TAKE A TWO-THIRD VOTE TO MAINTAIN THEM. HE ALSO MAINTAINS THAT THE DELEGATION BY THE NINTH MEETING TO THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF COMPETENCE TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS IS ILLEGAL. FACTO EMPHASIZED TWICE THAT COSTA RICA WOULD NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE TO BROACH THE CUBAN QUESTION. THE MEMO MERELY OUTLINES IDEAS. HOWEVER, IF THE QUESTION IS RAISED BY OTHERS, THE IDEAS EXPRESSED IN THIS MEMO WILL BE VOICED BY THE CR DELEGATE.

3. AMB VAKY TOLD FACIO ON THE SPOT THAT WE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY CHANGE IN SANCTIONS WAS WARRANTED. AS YOU KNOW FROM PARA 6 OF REF A, WE HAVE NOW ASKED AMBAS-SADOR VAKY TO TELL FACIO WE RECOGNIZE HE SEEKS TO PRESERVE INTEGRITY OF TREATY BUT HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT HIS APPROACH ON JURIDICAL AS WELL AS POLITICAL GROUNDS AND WILL CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO HIM SHORTLY. IN DISCOURAGING FACIO, WE OF COURSE DO NOT WISH TO PUSH HIM INTO THE ARMS OF THE VENE-ZUELANS.

4. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OUR FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH SAN JOSE. ROGERS

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